

Comment Sheet 【PR】

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Title of the Project	Societal Adaptation to Climate Change : Integrating Palaeoclimatological Data with Historical and Archaeological Evidences		
Research Term	PR	Project Leader	NAKATSUKA Takeshi
<p>General advice and comments of the PEC:</p> <p>The PEC noted good progress from the presentation last year, but still feels that there is a great imbalance between the strong, natural science-based accumulation of historical climate data and the linkages with recorded history. The team composition reflects this imbalance. It will be crucial to improve on these aspects in the coming year. Concretely a theory or conceptual framework for the linkages (causation, not only correlation) between weather phenomena and history needs to be developed. For example, the project should not only focus on examples of (seeming) connections between weather episodes and historical events, but also be able to account for cases where there is no recorded “response” to climate in human history. It will be useful to move away from a “collapse” approach and perhaps an interaction- rather than an adaptation-oriented framework is more appropriate. A plan for this needs to be presented next time to the PEC.</p> <p>Other shared concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Past PEC comments are not all addressed.2. The term climate variability may be more appropriate than climate change.3. The project should move beyond an entirely Japan-oriented framework and interact much more actively with international partners, projects and networks.			